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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS BHC AND
LINDANE

ATTN SCIENCE ATTACHE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER FROM EPA TO
APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL (WE ASSUME CHIEF OF PESTICIDES
REGULATORY AGENCY):

2. BEGIN QUOTE DEAR SIR: THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY IS STUDYING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF TWO
PESTICIDE CHEMICALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT PRODUCTION
AND USE SHOULD BE TERMINATED OR RESTRICTED. THE TWO
CHEMICALS ARE (1) BENZENE HEXACHLORIDE (BHC), WHICH IS
ALSO KNOWN AS HEXACHLOROCYCLOHEXANE (HCH) AND (2) LINDANE,
WHICH IS THE GAMMA ISOMER OF BHC.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR EVALUATION IF WE COULD
LEARN WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE DOING REGARDING CONTROL OF
THESE PESTICIDE CHEMICALS.

4. WOULD YOU THEREFORE LET US KNOW AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE BANNED OR OTHERWISE

RESTRICTED PRODUCTION, IMPORT OR USE OF BHC OR LINDANE OR
PRODUCTS CONTAINING THEM. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN SUCH ACTIONS,
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW FOR WHAT REASON THOSE CONTROLS
WERE IMPOSED. AND IF YOUR DECISION WAS INFLUENCED BY
SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH
OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WE WOULD APPRECIATE
COPIES OF ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING THAT EVIDENCE.

5. PLEASE SEND A REPLY TO MR. FRANK PARSONS, U.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, OFFICE OF PESTICIDES
PROGRAMS, 401 M STREET, SW, (WH566), WASHINGTON, D.C.
20460.

6. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. SIGNED JACK E. THOMPSON,
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